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Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 9-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 4,9 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cooper et al (US 2,428,908).

Cooper discloses a fishing reel comprising:

a reel body attachable to a fishing rod, the reel body having right 12 and left side plates, and a plate (see below) connected between the right and left plate to partially from an upper surface of the reel body;

a spool rotatably supported between right and left side plates;

a handle 25 disposed at a side portion of the reel body for rotating the spool to winding a fishing line on the spool, a rotation axis of the handle being substantially parallel to rotation axis of the spool; and

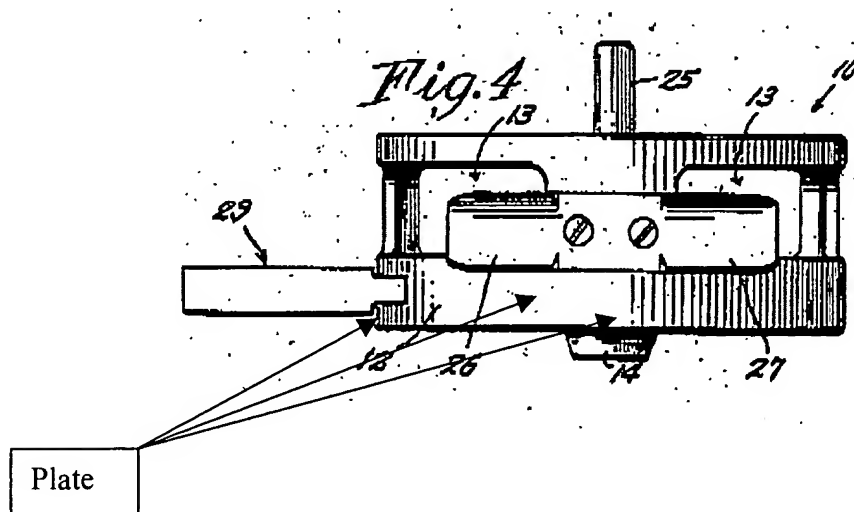
an auxiliary operating member 29 for auxiliary winding the fishing line on the spool provided at a position in which the auxiliary operating member can be operated by a finger of an angler's hand holding the fishing rod to which the reel body is attached, wherein the auxiliary operating member is formed so that, when the handle is rotated to rotate the spool, the auxiliary operating member is not rotated in response to the rotation of the handle,

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wherein a one-way clutch (col. 3, lines 63-75) is interposed between a rotating member 15 where the rotating member is rotated in response to the rotation of the handle 30 and the auxiliary operating member 29,

wherein an operating portion of the auxiliary operating member to be operated by the finger is rotatably provided between the left and right side plates which constitute the reel body, and wherein the operating portion is formed in a lever shape 29, and

wherein the plate is respectively positioned between the auxiliary operating member and a front-end of the reel body, and wherein the operating portion is projected upward from a surface of the plate (see below).



Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 2 of the response, filed 16 August 2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cooper et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

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However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Cooper et al. as interpreted above. The side portion of the reel is thicker on the side comprising the lever shaped operating porting. This thicker portion is the plate as claimed in claim 1.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan H. Langdon whose telephone number is (571)272-6948. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (571) 272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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